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*Weekly Health Report*

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## 1. Occupied Germany:

**Communicable Diseases:** Attached as Appendices "A", "B", "C" are cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ending 2 March 1946.

Typhoid fever, diphtheria and gonorrhea show a definite decline with other diseases remaining essentially static in Land Bavaria. There was also an increase in diphtheria as well as typhoid and paratyphoid fever in Berlin; however, a marked decrease existed in the incidence of typhus fever. In Wesermünde, to date, 30,271 children have had first immunizations against typhoid fever.

**Hospitalization:** Land Baden-Württemberg reports POW hospital No. 5 (Göppingen), housing 3,500 patients, is operated by 79th Medical Bn. personnel as well as 80 German doctors and 425 German nurses. Delivery of the hospital to civilian authorities is pending; however, unless hospital trains cease to arrive from France and Italy, the increased number of patients will require continued United States Army control for two months. These patients receive 2900 calories daily and the medical supply is adequate. There were 12,401 normal beds available in the United States Sector of Berlin for the week ending 6 March 1946, of which 9,871 beds were occupied. There is a reduction of 300 normal beds due to the return of buildings of 21 Zwilling Strass, Neukölln, for schools purposes as had been agreed when these buildings were first converted.

**Nursing Affairs:** Keen interest is shown in Wesermünde by civilian authorities in the development of a new Central School of Nursing. The chief deficiency at present is the lack of text books. There seems to be no immediate shortage of nurses for hospitals.

The German Advisory Council on Nursing Affairs, authorized 22 October 1945, held its final meeting 15 March 1946 in Frankfurt am Main. Because of the creation of an advisory council in each Land this council is no longer necessary.

**Venereal Disease:** The venereal disease program in Wesermünde is functioning well. Lack of transportation has greatly hampered the efforts of civilian authorities to carry out an effective venereal disease control program in Bavaria. The Zinnwold and Waldhaus venereal disease hospitals in Berlin were inspected. Faulty technique used there has been corrected and now their rate of cures for gonorrhea treated with penicillin is up to the same high level prevalent over the rest of the United States Zone. 40,500 vials of penicillin have been made available for the treatment of gonorrhea among German civilians. This should be adequate for a period up to the end of May 1946.

**Nutrition:** The organization of German nutrition survey teams is progressing in Bavaria. Tables of necessary equipment have been furnished the Germans and they are now in the process of obtaining chemicals and laboratory equipment. Instructions and copies of standard operating procedures, written in German, have also been furnished to the newly formed German teams.

**Veterinary:** Captured Wehrmacht veterinary supplies at Füssen and Dillingen have been released to the German firm of Ziegler at Augsburg for distribution to German veterinaries in Bavaria.

In an attempt to more closely coordinate and unify the German Veterinary Service of the three Länder in the United States Zone, meetings of the Land veterinary officials have been arranged by Military Government Officers. At these gatherings, veterinary problems common to the entire United States Zone are discussed including present and future programs for disease control, veterinary supplies, biologic productions, food inspection, and uniform methods of administration. Meetings have been held 26 February and 15 March 1946 at Stuttgart and were attended by Military Government Veterinary Officers.

**Sanitation:** Studies are being made in Wiesbaden for the purpose of increasing the quantity of water furnished the city because of a shortage which existed last summer and which will exist again unless an expansion of the system is made.



# APPENDIX "A"

## Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 2 March 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																						c: cases	d: deaths					
			Typhus Fever Louse-borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyelitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies			Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Kassel	1,090,205	c	5	—	—	—	—	—	79	9	23	9	9	1	164	57	9	2	—	—	—	—	2	183	*	*	—	*	*	2	—
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	c	5	—	—	*	*	—	93	18	64	4	10	2	302	92	4	2	1	—	—	—	3	15	—	—	—	14	—	—	—
Hessen	1,085,494	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	115	35	43	2	59	1	113	32	8	—	—	*	*	*	33	571	*	*	—	1	103	1	—
Württemberg	1,903,157	c	3	—	—	—	—	—	127	31	58	19	17	1	150	46	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	190	*	*	—	—	1	27	—
Baden	1,076,740	c	3	—	—	—	—	—	101	6	65	12	8	—	205	49	9	—	1	—	—	1	5	67	—	—	1	*	*	*	—
Schwaben	1,065,143	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	49	16	15	—	—	1	109	46	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	*	*	—	*	*	*	*	—
Oberbayern	2,056,301	c	2	—	1	—	—	—	98	18	48	12	48	—	239	76	5	1	2	—	—	—	*	282	—	—	3	22	*	*	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	39	7	125	5	—	—	75	25	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	335	—	—	—	10	—	—	—
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	83	20	75	10	19	3	255	84	5	1	1	1	1	—	—	273	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	931,638	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	4	50	7	6	—	4	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	593	—	—	—	6	*	*	—
Bremen Port Command	\$	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	37	1	25	7	*	—	104	42	3	—	—	—	—	—	*	575	—	—	—	40	*	*	—
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	c	23	—	—	—	—	—	72	26	92	11	*	2	243	81	19	1	15	—	—	—	*	*	*	—	—	*	*	*	—
TOTAL	\$ 15,660,022	c	42	—	1	—	—	—	888	190	658	91	176	10	1859	593	88	9	21	1	2	43	2509	—	—	5	156	30	—	—	—

\* No data submitted

§ Bremen included in report from British Zone; not included in totals on this report.

## APPENDIX "B"

Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany  
for Week Ending 2 March 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																										c: cases	d: deaths	
		Cases, Deaths		Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria		Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Greater Hesse	3,489,684	c	10	—	—	—	—	—	287	62	130	15	78	3	1	579	181	21	4	1	—	—	—	38	769	—	—	1	117	3
Baden	2,979,897	p	1	—	—	—	—	—	17	—	33	—	—	2	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Württemberg		c	6	—	—	—	—	—	228	37	123	31	25	1	—	—	335	95	19	1	1	—	1	5	257	—	—	1	1	27
Bavaria	8,258,476	c	3	—	1	—	—	—	301	65	313	34	73	4	—	682	236	29	3	4	1	1	—	—	1483	—	—	3	38	—
Bremen Port Command	460,019	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	37	1	25	7	*	—	—	104	42	3	—	—	—	—	—	*	575	—	—	—	40	*
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	p	23	—	—	—	—	—	72	26	92	11	*	2	—	243	81	19	1	15	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*
		p	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	61	1	*	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*

Rates Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Greater Hesse	3,489,684	1.49	—	—	—	—	—	—	42.76	9.24	19.37	2.24	11.82	.45	.15	86.27	26.97	3.13	.60	.15	—	—	5.66	114.58	—	—	.15	17.43	.45	—
Baden	2,979,897	1.05	—	—	—	—	—	—	39.90	6.48	21.53	5.43	4.38	.18	—	62.13	16.63	3.33	.18	.18	—	.18	.88	44.98	—	—	.18	18.4	.73	—
Württemberg		.19	.06	—	—	—	—	—	18.96	4.10	19.72	2.14	4.60	.25	—	42.97	14.87	1.83	.19	.25	.06	—	—	93.43	—	—	.19	2.39	—	—
Bavaria	8,258,476	1.13	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.81	1.13	28.25	7.91	—	—	—	117.52	47.46	3.39	—	—	—	*	649.75	—	—	—	—	45.20	—	—
Bremen Port Command	460,019	12.83	—	—	—	—	—	—	40.18	14.51	51.34	6.14	*	1.12	—	135.59	45.20	10.60	.56	8.37	—	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	*
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

\* No data submitted



## APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany  
for Week Ending 2 March 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and Larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
Kassel	1,090,205	2.39	—	—	—	—	—	37.68	4.29	10.97	4.29	4.29	—	.48	78.23	27.19	4.29	.95	—	—	—	.95	87.29	*	—	*	*	.95
Wiesbaden	1,313,985	1.98	*	—	*	—	—	36.83	7.13	25.34	1.58	3.96	.79	—	119.59	36.43	1.58	.79	.40	—	1.19	5.94	—	—	—	5.54	—	—
Hessen	1,085,494	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.09	16.76	20.60	.96	28.29	.48	—	54.13	15.33	3.83	—	—	*	15.81	273.51	*	—	.48	49.34	.48	—
Württemberg	1,903,157	.82	—	—	—	—	—	34.67	8.46	15.83	5.19	4.64	.27	—	40.95	12.56	2.73	—	—	—	—	51.87	*	—	—	0.27	7.37	—
Baden	1,076,740	1.50	—	—	—	—	—	48.78	2.90	31.40	5.80	3.86	—	—	99.02	23.37	4.35	—	.48	.41	2.42	32.36	—	—	.48	*	*	—
Schwaben	1,065,143	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.91	7.81	7.32	—	—	.49	—	53.19	22.45	1.46	.49	.49	—	—	*	—	—	—	*	*	—
Oberbayern	2,056,301	.51	.25	—	—	—	—	24.79	4.55	12.14	3.04	12.14	—	—	60.47	19.23	1.27	.25	.51	—	*	71.35	—	—	.76	5.57	*	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	2,047,792	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.91	1.78	31.75	1.27	—	—	—	19.05	6.35	3.56	—	—	—	—	85.09	—	—	—	2.54	—	—
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,157,602	.24	—	—	—	—	—	20.00	4.82	18.08	2.41	4.58	.72	—	61.46	20.24	1.21	.24	.24	.24	.24	65.79	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mainfranken	931,638	—	—	—	—	—	—	17.86	2.23	27.90	3.91	3.35	—	—	2.23	2.79	1.17	—	—	—	—	330.98	—	—	—	3.35	*	—
Bremen Port Command	\$	1.13	—	—	—	—	—	41.81	1.13	28.25	7.91	*	—	—	117.52	47.46	3.39	—	—	—	*	649.75	—	—	—	45.20	*	—
Berlin (US Sector)	931,965	2.83	—	—	—	—	—	40.18	14.51	51.34	6.14	*	1.12	—	135.59	45.20	10.60	.56	8.37	—	*	*	—	—	—	*	*	—
TOTAL \$	15,660,022	1.39	.03	—	—	—	—	29.30	6.27	21.71	3.00	5.81	.33	.03	61.35	19.57	2.90	.30	.69	.03	.07	1.42	82.80	—	—	.17	5.15	.99

\* No data submitted.

§ Bremen included in report from British Zone - Not included in totals on this report.

(Rates expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum)



for March ending 2 March 1945